

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 with the following amended paragraph:

In order to achieve the above object, a coin insertion device according to ~~claim 1~~ an exemplary embodiment of this invention comprises, in a device main body, a coin passage comprising a coin insertion opening and a coin discharge opening; a shutter member that opens and closes the coin discharge opening; and holding means for holding the shutter member in a state in which it keeps the coin discharge opening closed; wherein the shutter member comprises releasing means with which a coin inserted from the coin insertion opening comes into contact, and by contact of a coin inserted from the coin insertion opening with the releasing means the shutter member is released from a hold of the holding means and allowed to open and close.

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

In order to achieve the above object, a coin insertion device according to ~~claim 2~~ an exemplary embodiment of this invention comprises in a device main body, a coin passage comprising a coin insertion opening and a coin discharge opening; a shutter member that can rotate in directions that open and close the coin discharge opening; an elastic member that operates the shutter member in a direction that closes the coin discharge opening; and holding means for holding the shutter member in a non-rotatable condition in a state in which the shutter member keeps the coin discharge opening closed; wherein the shutter member comprises releasing

means that protrudes into the coin passage and with which a coin inserted from the coin insertion opening comes in contact, and by contact of a coin inserted from the coin insertion opening with the releasing means the shutter member is released from a hold of the holding means and allowed to open and close.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 with the following amended paragraph:

In order to achieve the above object, in a coin insertion device according to ~~claim 3~~ an exemplary embodiment of this invention, the shutter member is rotatable along a rotation center line and may also be operated in the direction that closes the coin discharge opening and one direction on the rotation center line by the elastic member, and the holding means holds the shutter member in the non-rotatable condition when the shutter member is in a state in which it is operated in one direction on the rotation center line, and by contact of a coin inserted from the coin insertion opening by the releasing means the shutter member moves in another direction on the rotation center line against the elasticity of the elastic member, whereby the hold of the holding means is released and the shutter member is allowed to rotate.

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

In order to achieve the above object, in a coin insertion device according to ~~claim 4~~ an exemplary embodiment of this invention, the shutter member has an opening and closing plate which opens and closes the coin discharge opening, and a

releasing means, wherein a coin inserted from the coin insertion opening makes contact with the releasing means before coming into contact with the opening and closing plate.